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Spectacular Summer of Art at TAM

May 8, 2019 (Tacoma, WA) — Inspiration is an everyday occurrence at Tacoma Art Museum and this summer is packed with opportunities to explore art and artists working in a variety of media and across multiple cultural traditions. Two major exhibitions *Bart at TAM: Animating America's Favorite Family* and *Monet, Renoir, Degas and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest* will be opening as well as supportive educational programming and hands-on art making occasions. From the bustling Neighborhood Nights each Thursday evening, the highly active annual IN THE SPIRIT: Northwest Native Festival and the new Pride Party at TAM to the more contemplative curator talks and gallery tours, visitors will find a plethora of reasons to include trips to TAM all summer long.

New and Refreshed Exhibitions

Bart at TAM: Animating America's Favorite Family

July 20 – October 27, 2019

Bart at TAM: Animating America's Favorite Family is an unauthorized and in-depth look at the process and teamwork needed to create America's longest-running primetime animated television show. Set in the fictional town of Springfield, *The Simpsons* explores the life of a working-class family through parodies of American culture and society, television and the human condition.



Animating America's
Favorite Family

The exhibition features over 100 hand generated animation cels, scripts, and drawings related to the first 13 seasons of *The Simpsons*. Visitors will be able to learn about the process of animation and explore the elements that make up the show's distinctive identity, characters, style, and comedy.

Opening Celebration

Thursday, July 18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Free for TAM Members; \$10 for non-members

Press Preview

Friday, July 19 10-11am

Please contact Hillary Ryan at hryan@tacomaaartmuseum.org to reserve your spot.

Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest

September 28, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Seen as artistic radicals in their time, the French Impressionists found their way into premier public and private Northwest art collections impacting American artists for decades. The exhibition will provide visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy signature works by Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Alfred Sisley, Gustave Caillebotte, Paul Gauguin, Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas.

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Ongoing Exhibitions:

Metaphor into Form: Art in the Era of the Pilchuck Glass School

January 19, 2019 - On extended view

Debora Moore: Arboria

January 19, 2019 - On extended view

Key to the Collection

December 22, 2018 - On extended view

Immigrant Artists and the American West

February 3, 2018 - June 14, 2020

Native Portraiture: Power and Perception

February 10, 2018 - March 1, 2020

Familiar Faces & New Voices: Surveying Northwest Art

May 13, 2017 - August 2019

Places to Call Home: Settlements in the West

February 17, 2018 - March 1, 2020

Winter in the West

February 17, 2018 - March 1, 2020

Animals: Wild and Captured in Bronze

January 27, 2018 - On extended view

Dale Chihuly at Tacoma Art Museum

On extended view

Installations and Outdoor Sculpture

Untitled by Richard Rhodes

Current by Martin Blank

Kinetic Repose by Julie Speidel

Leroy, The Big Pup by Scott Fife

Blanket Stories: Transportation Object, Generous Ones, Trek by Marie Watt

Wings by Ginny Ruffner

Explorers by Scott Fife

Ma Chihuly's Floats by Dale Chihuly

Education Programs

Summer Art Camps

July 8 – August 2

Discover art in your community at Tacoma Art Museum's Summer Art Camps for kids entering grades 2-8, plus a NEW advanced camp for high schoolers! Each week, explore the works of art in the museum for inspiration, go on expeditions around town, and create your own art. Take risks with big ideas and new materials, and showcase your work in a special camp art show at the end of the week. Registration and more details on the website: <https://www.tacomaartmuseum.org/visit/family-teen/family-programs/summer-art-camps-2019/>

Cost: \$295 non-members / \$265 members (scholarships available)

Animation in the Northwest

Sunday, July 21, 2 pm -3 pm

Join us for a conversation with local animators and illustrators. Learn about their process, influences and the growing animation community in the Northwest.

Cost: \$10 (\$5 members/ students with ID)

Cartoon Trivia Night

Thursday, August 22, 6 pm – 8 pm

Test your knowledge of cartoons from comic strips to America's favorite animated family. Enjoy drinks and bites from TAM Cafe while you compete for prizes from across Tacoma. Teams of 4-6 are encouraged [to register](#) early.

Cost: Free

Back-to-School Educator Evening

Thursday, August 22, 5 – 8 pm

TAM celebrates teachers! Join us for this special evening to mix and mingle, [explore the galleries](#), and make art. Learn how TAM can support student learning with a sneak peek at this year's programs, including mini-tours!

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

FREE for Pre-K-12, homeschool, college/university, and community educators.

Illustration Drawing Rally

Thursday, September 19, 5 – 8 pm

Come see local illustrators at work! Spend the evening exploring cartooning and illustration in the gallery with *Bart at TAM* and with local artists. Ask questions, see their process, and enter win an original artwork. Presented in collaboration with [Lettuce 253](#).

Cost: Free

Homeschool Day

Wednesday, September 25, 10 am – 2 pm

Join us for a special day just for homeschool students! Explore how cartoons are made with a guided tour, then create your own cartoon, learning with an expert teaching artist. Spend time exploring the galleries on your own, with self-guided activities and a scavenger hunt. Check out art-making activities in TAM Studio. The guided tour and facilitated art-making activities are designed for students age 4-18. Children under 4 are welcome to accompany adult chaperones and participate in the self-guided exploration and TAM Studio activities. Registration and more details on our [website](#).

Cost: \$10 per student; one chaperone per family free (\$5 per additional chaperone); children under 4 free

TAM Teach!: Supporting LGBTQ Students

Thursday, September 26, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Join TAM staff and partners from [My Purple Umbrella](#) to learn how best to support LGBTQ students through art! Engage in dialogue about best practices, explore how artists express their identities, and build community with fellow educators. Leave with tips, tricks, and tools for your classroom. Clock hours available.

Cost: \$15 per educator

Curator Talk: Impressionism and the Northwest

Sunday, September 29, 2 pm

Join TAM Executive Director David Setford for a discussion of the role of French Impressionism in the Northwest. Hear firsthand how the exhibition *Monet, Renoir, Degas, and their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest* was assembled, learn about the escapades of the impressionist artists, and examine the lasting legacy of impressionism, and how it continues to inspire Northwest artists today.

Cost: \$10 (\$5 members/ students with ID)

Ongoing Programs

Studio and Storytime

Second Saturday of every month, 11 am - 2 pm

Tacoma Art Museum hosts a variety of fun experiences especially for children ages 2–8 and their families. Try out a new art style in TAM Studio with an activity led by TAM staff. Hear a story in the galleries and explore related works of art. It's fun for the whole family!

Cost: TAM Studio activity is free; Storytime in the galleries is free with admission.

Paint to Learn

First Thursday of every month, 6 pm

Paint to Learn is an initiative to increase math readiness skills of young children. Children and caregivers paint canvases together with a focus on early math learning. The painting curriculum uses shapes, numbers, size, measurement, and patterns as guiding principles to increase knowledge of child development, while simultaneously helping young learners gain the skills needed to be Kindergarten-ready in math. Designed for families with children 2-6 years old, come Paint to Learn in your community!

Cost: Free

Neighborhood Nights

Every Thursday, 5 - 8 pm

There is always something fun to do at TAM! Stop in for performances, artist demonstrations, and more every week. Head upstairs to see TAM Local Community Art installations. Go to TAM Studio or Drawing Jam to create your own work of art. Enjoy happy hour specials in TAM Cafe from 4-7 pm.

Cost: Free

O.P.E.N. for Teens

Every Third Thursday, 6 - 8 pm

Join Tacoma Art Museum's Teen Art Council for O.P.E.N., a free night of Film, Open mic, and Art-Making just for teens!

Cost: Free

Public Tours

Thursdays, 6 pm and Saturdays, 2 pm

Join a TAM docent for a guided tour of the Best of TAM! Learn more about the Museum's relationship and role in the Tacoma community and check out our latest exhibitions. Tours last approximately 45 minutes, no RSVP required. Meet at the front desk in the main lobby.

Cost: Free

Dance Classes

Second Thursday of every month, 6:30 -7:30 pm

Kara O'Toole, along with her contemporary dance students from T.U.P.A.C., will guide participants through modern dance phrases and relate movement expression to works of art on view at TAM. Plan to stay for the whole hour and wear comfortable clothes and shoes/socks you can move in. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.

Cost: Free

Girl Scout Badge Programs

Looking for something fun to do with your Girl Scout troop? Tacoma Art Museum offers badge programs for Brownies and Juniors! Book a badge program for your troop, or get together with another troop to make some new friends. Available for booking on weekends and Thursday evenings.

Cost: \$20 per Scout

Events

Pride Party at TAM

Thursday, July 18, 6 - 9 pm

Come celebrate PRIDE at TAM! Try something new and express yourself with art making while listening to all your favorite tunes with a local DJ. Tour through the galleries with Opinionated Drag Queens/Kings as you explore TAM's collections.

Cost: Free

BBQ and Art Books

Thursday, July 25, 5 - 8 pm

Grab a bite after work or school, peruse the art book sale and pop-up artist booths, and enjoy art making activities at Tacoma Art Museum's Neighborhood Night.

Cost: Free

IN THE SPIRIT Northwest Native Festival

Saturday, August 10, 10 am - 7 pm

In partnership with the Washington State History Museum and Museum of Glass. Experience this indoor/outdoor celebration of Native cultures! Dancing, drumming, singing, shopping at the arts market, and a Native designer runway fashion show will take place in and around both museums. Connect with a diverse group of Native artists and shop a wide range of exquisite work in all price ranges

Cost: Free

Kids, Maker, Artist Fair

Thursday, August 15, 4 - 7 pm

Come celebrate youth makers from across Tacoma and the region. Vendors from ages four to eighteen will share and sell their wares while visitors can enjoy snacks and a free art-making station.

Cost: Free

Sponsorship Information

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About Tacoma Art Museum

Celebrating over 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in Tacoma's downtown with a mission of connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region, 25% which consists of studio glass. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. In 2012, TAM received a gift of more than 300 works of western American art from the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier such collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub family also contributed \$20 million for an endowment and expansion completed in 2014. In January 2019, TAM inaugurated the Rebecca and Jack Benaroya Wing which features the extensive Benaroya collection of studio glass as well as TAM's own collection of studio glass, which was started in 1971. TAM is located in the heart of Tacoma's vibrant Museum District which consists of six museums including the Museum of Glass, a frequent collaborator.

HOURS – Tues–Sun 10 am–5 pm; FREE Neighborhood Nights every Thursday 5–8 pm

ADMISSION – \$17 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18), Children 5 and under free every day. Children 17 and under free every Saturday. TAM Members; active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free.

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